

## DOING YOUR PART:

As citizens you can help protect local waters by doing the following:

- 1) Properly dispose of pet waste. (Helps prevent bacteria from entering waterways).
- 2) Test soil prior to fertilizing and only apply what is needed. (Helps prevent excess phosphorous and nitrogen from entering waterways).
- 3) Mulch or properly dispose of your leaves. (Helps to prevent blockages in storm water conveyance systems which can result in localized flooding).
- 4) Get involved in litter and pollution control practices in your community.
- 5) Properly dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) at your local convenience center.



VISIT THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY  
STORMWATER WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL  
RESOURCES AND OTHER FAQ'S:

[http://www.co.isle-of-wight.va.us/  
engineering/stormwater-  
management-program/](http://www.co.isle-of-wight.va.us/engineering/stormwater-management-program/)

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# Stormwater Management Fee Guide



Bioretention Best Management Practice  
(BMP)



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## Introduction:

To maintain compliance with federal and state mandates, Isle of Wight County will bear an increase in the extent of administrative duties, record keeping, plan reviews, and inspections. The County will also be required to construct additional storm water management facilities to achieve the required pollutant reductions set forth for our impaired waterways.



The change is based on revised stormwater management criteria, mandates from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA-federal agency) and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ-state agency), and the Commonwealth's transfer of the Virginia Stormwater Management Program's administration to localities. To recover the additional costs associated with this compliance, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Stormwater Management Fee Ordinance in May 2013 which became effective July 1, 2013.

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's):

***HOW IS THE FEE DETERMINED?*** The fee is based on the amount of impervious area on a parcel. The **Equivalent Residential Unit** (ERU) was derived using the average impervious surface area for a residential lot in the County. The ERU for Isle of Wight is 2,050 SF.

***HOW MUCH IS THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FEE AND WHEN IS IT DUE?*** All developed residential property owners will be assessed a fee of \$72 per year. The storm water management fee will be added as a separate line item on the **Real Estate** tax bills.

***WHAT IS A BMP?*** A **Best Management Practice** can include schedules of activities, prohibitions of certain activities, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce the pollution of surface waters and groundwater systems from the impacts of development activities. This includes both structural and nonstructural practices to treat stormwater runoff.

***WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT?*** As storm water travels across impervious surfaces it picks up pollutants and ultimately carries them to our waterways. The rate and volume of stormwater runoff increases as the impervious area of a site increases. At the same time, the ability of the soil to absorb runoff decreases. Overtime these pollutants have decreased the water quality in our community. Properly designed and constructed stormwater management BMPs help reduce the negative impact of development activities.

***WHAT IS A TMDL?*** The **Total Maximum Daily Load** defines the limit of a pollutant that can be discharged to minimize impacts to water quality. It has been described as a pollution diet. Some County waterways already have a TMDL in place while others are still being developed.



## Visit Our Website For Answers to These and Other FAQ's:

- ***WHAT IS CONSIDERED IMPERVIOUS AREA AND HOW IS THE AREA MEASURED?***
- ***WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A PROPERTY IS VACANT?***
- ***HOW IS THE MONEY COLLECTED FROM THE STORM WATER MANAGEMENT FEE USED?***
- ***WHAT DO OTHER LOCALITIES IN THE AREA CHARGE FOR THEIR MANAGEMENT FEE?***
- ***WILL COUNTY PROPERTY TAX GO DOWN AS A RESULT OF THIS FEE?***
- ***HOW WILL BUSINESSES BE CHARGED?***

